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Ann Marks to Head Commission

By Gil Lawson,
CHS - Communications

Ann M. Marks, a 19-year veteran of the health care and insurance industry, has been named the new executive director of the Kentucky Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs. The commission is part of the Cabinet for Health Services.



Ann Marks, Executive Director

Marks assumed her new position June 1, replacing Denzle Hill, who died last year. She was appointed by Gov. Paul E. Patton after being recommended by commissioners.

The commission is a statewide agency that coordinates care for children with physically disabling conditions. Based in Louisville with offices across the state, the commission provides services on a sliding fee scale. It is part of the Cabinet for Health Services and has an annual budget of about \$15 million and a staff of 175.

Marks has a degree in nursing and lives in Bardstown.

She previously was director of utilization management for Passport Health Plan in Louisville, the Medicaid managed care partnership serving Jefferson and surrounding counties, and also worked for Humana Inc. She was founder and president of Medmarks Inc., a medical cost containment corporation, and was a founding member and president of the state chapter of the National Association of Rehabilitation Professionals in the Private Sector in 1993-94.

"The opportunity to lead and advocate within an organization that serves the most high-risk medically fragile children of our Commonwealth is an honor," Marks said. "My goal is to ensure that the commission remains strong and responsive to our historical and future partners, and accessible to our children and families with special health care needs."

Morse Seeks to Increase Participation for KECC

By Gil Lawson, CHS - Communications

For the first time, the Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign is setting a goal of raising \$1 million.

Leading the statewide effort will be Cabinet for Health Services Secretary John Morse, whose main goal is to increase the percentage of state employees who participate in the effort to raise money for charitable organizations.

"I believe if we can tell every employee the KECC story we can really increase the participation," Morse said. "I think we just haven't had an opportunity to get our story out to all our employees across the state."

The 1998 campaign raised \$873,408 with just 30.1 percent of the state agency employees participating. This year's participation goal is 41 percent.

Morse said because state employees are spread across the state, it's sometimes difficult to reach them to educate them about KECC and the charities. Part of this year's effort will be aimed at effectively getting the word out to all employees.

Morse kicked off the KECC "Can-Do" planning workshop with about 75 agency coordinators in Frankfort on July 20 where he stressed the education effort.



John Morse, CHS Secretary

KECC was established in 1993 to provide an opportunity to contribute to eligible Kentucky charities through the state's payroll deduction process. The KECC kickoff is scheduled for Aug. 24 at the KY History Museum.

"I know more state employees will want to contribute when they understand how important their gift is for those who need help," Morse said.

August is Outdoors-Woman Month



In recognition of the efforts by the Department of Fish and Wildlife to reach out to women who are interested in fishing and other outdoor-related recreation, Gov. Paul E. Patton has proclaimed August to be Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Month in Kentucky.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman is a national program geared toward giving women the chance to learn outdoor skills in a comfortable and non-threatening atmosphere. Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshops allow women to learn new skills in the company of other women who have a similar level of knowledge. They are not just for beginners.

Kentucky first offered a Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshop in January 1995, and has since become a national leader in the program. Three workshops are held each year in Kentucky, and give hundreds of women the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, and to learn or improve outdoor skills.

In honor of Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Month, the Department of Fish and Wildlife is holding five special Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Field Days. Activities will include archery, fly-tying, survival skills, introduction to fishing, home firearm safety and native plants/wildflower identification.

Date and Location of Classes

July 31 Jefferson County Sportsmen's Club

Aug. 7 Barren County Rod and Gun Club

Aug. 14 Camp Robert Webb

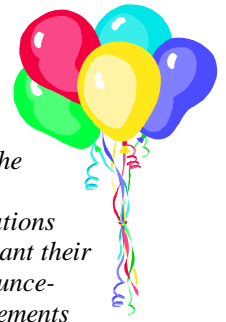
Aug. 21 Salato Wildlife Education Center

Aug. 28 Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA

For more information about the field days, or to register, call Barbara Pulliam, program coordinator, at 1-800-858-1549, ext. 445.

Pipeline, a weekly newsletter for employees of the Cabinets for Families and Children and Health Services, welcomes reader comments and contributions. Items for *Pipeline* are due by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday; items for intercom announcements are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday. Call (502) 564-6786 or send information to Patricia Boler at Patricia.Boler@mail.state.ky.us

Retirements



We are happy to announce retirements in the Pipeline and to add them to our Tuesday morning announcements. Our communications survey showed that many people did not want their work day interrupted with PA system announcements, so we will limit retirement announcements to Tuesday mornings only. We would like to thank everyone for understanding. Contact us by 4:30 p.m. on Mondays to add items to the weekly announcements, and by 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays to add to Pipeline.

Susan Thurman and **Evelyn White** are retiring from CFC's Procurement Branch. A reception was held in their honor on **July 16**.

Karen Asher, Betty Ann Bowles, Martha Jacquetta Bush, Lucy Crittenden, Anna Mayne, Rhenda Kaye Mills, Charlotte Million, Jacqueline Ryan, Barbara Sonnen and **Barbara White** are all retiring from CHS's Division of Epidemiology and Health Planning. All friends and co-workers are invited to a reception in their honor **July 27**, 1:50 – 4 p.m. in the boardroom of the Health Services Building.

The Department for Medicaid Services is honoring retiring employees **July 28**, 1-3 p.m., in the CHR cafeteria. Retirees are: **Sharon May, Sharon Davenport, Carol Combs, Sherry Veach, Jim Garrison, Patsy Brown, Betty Weaver, Bernice Combs, Sandy Faulconer, Toy Reardon** and **Pat Mitchell**.

A retirement reception will be held for **Tillie Welker**, CHS Program Support, at Fair Oaks **July 29**, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., in Large Conference Room A on the 4th floor.

John Draper is retiring from the CHS Food Safety Branch after 31 years of service. A retirement reception will be held at the Frankfort Water Plant Club House on Louisville Road, **July 29**, 4 – 9 p.m.

There will be a retirement reception for **Frank Bowman, Janis Mathis, and Tommy Crittenden** on **July 30**, 1:30-3 p.m. in the CHR Building on the 2nd floor, far east end. Everyone is invited to stop by and visit before they leave.

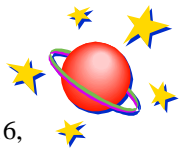
A reception will be held for **Mae Lewis & Kathy Patterson** **July 30** at 2 p.m. in the Office of General Counsel, 4th floor of the Human Resources Building.

The following are retiring Aug. 1 from CFC's Office of Technology Service, Network Support Branch: **Carol Ford**, Bowling Green/Barren River District; **Pat McDaniel**, Owensboro/Barren River District, and **Connie Kerr**, Elizabethtown/Lincoln Trail District.

Congrats to all retirees!
We'll miss you!

Correction

The article on **MARS and travel vouchers** in the *Pipeline* dated July 16, may have caused some confusion among CHS staff.



The article correctly stated that travel vouchers will continue to be filed on paper until further notice because of some problems with filing them electronically on MARS. However, the article did not clarify differences between CFC and CHS – *CHS staff should use the new forms*. CFC staff should continue to use the old forms, as the article stated.

Complete information, along with new forms, was distributed to all CHS employees in a packet dated July 12. Please refer to that packet if you are a CHS employee and have any questions.

CFC employees should refer to the memo they received by e-mail from Terry Thompson of CFC-OPS July 15.

Nominees Sought for Anderson Medal Award



The Governor's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Conference and the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet are seeking nominations for the Anderson Medal for 1999.

The medal is given each year to a Kentuckian who has enhanced opportunity and equality in some aspect of Kentucky life. Candidates must have achievements that benefit people in the protected classes of race, color, age, national origin, gender, religion, or disability.

The medal is named for the late State Representative Charles W. Anderson, Jr., who was elected to his first term in 1936. He was the first black legislator to serve in the Kentucky General Assembly as well as in the South, since the era of Reconstruction. He died in an automobile accident in 1960.

Nominations are welcome from anyone, and anyone who meets the criteria of achievements beneficial to protected classes may be nominated.

Nomination forms are available at public libraries throughout the state, or by calling Singer Buchanan, Jr., State EEO Coordinator at (502) 564-4460. The deadline for nominations is September 1. The 1999 Anderson Laureate Awards will be presented at the Governor's 13th Annual EEO Conference during the Governor's Awards Luncheon on October 21.



Show Me the Way to Go Home: Info on Traffic Delays

Avoid the frustration and delays caused by road construction and other traffic problems. Obtain updated information on road construction and traffic conditions from one of the following:

- Kentucky Road Report (1-800-4KY-ROAD)
- Transportation Cabinet Homepage (www.kytc.state.ky.us)
- Kentucky Road Report online; updated daily (<http://www.kytc.state.ky.us/roadcond/roadcond.htm>)
- I-75/I-64 construction brochure at welcome centers and rest areas
- Data Transmission Network monitors at welcome centers display road construction and weather information

Need a map? Maps are available online and via mail order at (<http://ukcc.uky.edu/~maps/>).



Air Conditioners Needed

The Blue Grass Community Action Agency is in desperate need of used working air conditioners and fans, or donations to purchase new air conditioners and fans. The donated air conditioners are loaned to individuals in the community who need an air conditioner because of medical conditions but cannot afford one.

The agency also needs individuals to work on its current air conditioners to make sure they are in good working order.

For more information, or to make a donation, contact Sharon West at (502) 695-5615, or mail monetary donations to Blue Grass Community Action Agency, 29 Grandview Drive, Frankfort, 40601.

Seeking Lobby Desk Volunteers



The information desk in the lobby of the Human Resources building serves as a critical entry point to our agencies. The Office of Communications would like to make sure someone is there during every workday. Any employee interested in filling in when our regular staff are unavailable should contact **Gil Lawson at 564-6786 ext. 3327**. Volunteers should check with their supervisor first. Shifts generally will be no more than a half-day. You must have good telephone skills and be familiar with state government offices.



Helpful Web Sites

The Internet can provide valuable information that can help you work more efficiently. Something new will be added to these *Helpful Web Sites* each week. Remember to “bookmark” the ones you will want to refer to often. If you’ve found a helpful site you would like to share, e-mail it to <mailto:margaret.harney@mail.state.ky.us>.

Education and Research

<http://www.cpe.state.ky.us/univ/univ.htm>: links to all state universities, community colleges and independent colleges in Kentucky

<http://www.loc.gov/>: Kentucky Department for Library and Archives

<http://www.loc.gov/>: the Library of Congress

MARS

<http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/adm/mars/mars.htm>: MARS Homepage; learn all about the MARS project

Employee Directories

http://cfc-chs.chr.state.ky.us/CFC/phone_program/phone_program.html: CFC central office phone directory of key contacts

<http://www.state.ky.us/directory/dirindex.htm>: an updated phone directory for all state government employees

General Information

<http://cfc-chs.chr.state.ky.us/cfachome.htm>: Cabinet for Families and Children homepage

<http://cfc-chs.chr.state.ky.us/chshome.htm>: Cabinet for Health Services homepage

<http://www.state.ky.us/>: state government homepage

<http://resourcedirectory.state.ky.us/>: a database of resources from childcare to zoos

http://cfc-chs.chr.state.ky.us/media_releases/media.htm: media releases from communications staff of CFC and CHS

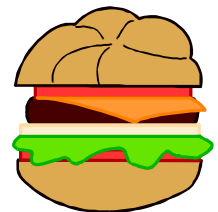
Need computer training? If you didn’t receive a brochure from the Systems Training Branch, either in paper form or electronically, check out the STB web site at <http://www.state.ky.us/dis/stb/>.



Central Office Notes and Activities

- **Congratulations** to Cris McCray, a nurse with CHS’ public health, on the success of her son Hal Sparks. The Frankfort native recently signed a contract as the new M. C. for “Talk Soup,” a program on cable TV’s E! Channel.
- Thanks to everyone who donated at the July 7 **blood drive**, the Red Cross collected 84 pints of blood. The next drive is scheduled for September 27-28.
- Linda Burke, a nursing supervisor with CHS’ public health, has established a **Fibromyalgia Support Group**. The group meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Highland Christian Church and anyone who is interested is invited to attend. For more information, call Linda Burke at 564-7213.
- The **aerobics program** meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. in the cafeteria. Call Beth Bates at 564-4150 for more information.
- Nominations for **CFC Employees of the Month** are due by the 15th of each month. For more information, or to submit a nomination, contact Charlene Nation of the Employee Services Branch, CHR-5, phone 564-7770. She will also accept nominations sent by e-mail.

DCSE Employees Recognized



The Division of Child Support (DCS) employees were treated to a cook-out on Thursday, July 15, at First City Complex by their managers, supervisors, Director Steve Veno, and Assistant Director Gerald Gilpin. Management hosted the cook-out to show appreciation to their employees for their dedicated support and hard work. Grilled hot dogs and hamburgers were served up with baked beans, potato salad, chips, and even desert. Among the expressions of gratitude from employees, two resounding questions could be heard -- “Why haven’t we done this before and when will we do it again?”